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Education

Ph.D. in Sociology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong   2015-2020
Committee: Prof. Hua Zhong (Supervisor), Prof. Nicole Wai-ting Cheung, Prof. Lei Jin, Prof. Yuet-wah Cheung

Visiting Ph.D. Student in Sociology, University of Copenhagen   2019
Supervised by Prof. Jakob Demant

LL. B. in Criminology, People's Public Security University of China   2011-2015

Exchange Student, Korean National Police University   2013

Research Interests

Crime and Deviance

Health and Well-being

Substance Use and Treatment

Gender Studies

China Studies

Grants, Awards, and Fellowships

04/2020	Co-Investigator. "Examining the impacts of genes and environmental interventions on drug addicts under rehabilitation (PI: Bin Jiang, University of Hong Kong)." Faculty of Architecture, University of Hong Kong. HKD566,000/USD73,030.
11/2020	Jiang-Land-Wang Outstanding Student Paper Award 2020, awarded by The Association of Chinese Criminology and Criminal Justice in the United States (ACCCJUS). USD300.
10/2019	Scholarship for 1st Asia Regional Meeting of ISSDP 2019, awarded by International Society for the Study of Drug Policy (ISSDP). GBP980/USD1,224.
06/2019	Travel Grant for 2019 The Stockholm Criminology Symposium, awarded by The Nordic Research Council for Criminology (NSfK). SEK4,000/USD406.
05/2019	Reaching Out Award. awarded by HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund. HKD10,000/USD1,290.
07/2018	Award of Global Scholarship Program for Research Excellence, awarded by The Chinese University of Hong Kong. HKD30,000/USD3,870.
09/2017	Seed Funding Support for Thesis Research, Faculty of Social Science, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. HKD5,000/USD645.

09/2015   CUHK Research Postgraduate Student Grant for Overseas Academic
           Activities, The Chinese University of Hong Kong.
           HKD20,000/USD2,580.

Publications

*Note. * corresponding author*

1. Zhong, Hua and **Serena Yunran Zhang**. *Forthcoming*. Social control of crime in Asia. In
   E. Erez & P. Ibarra (Eds.), *Oxford Encyclopaedia of International Criminology*. New
   York and Oxford: Oxford University Press.
   doi:10.1093/acrefore/9780190264079.013.623

2. **Zhang, Serena Yunran** and Sara Zhong. 2020. More efforts needed to fight drug abuse in
   the city. *China Daily*. (A brief report of Beat Drugs Fund Project "Monitoring Recent
   Changes of Cross-border Drug Use and Their Implications for Prevention / Control
   Strategies" SS13611). Link

3. **Zhang, Serena Yunran** and Hua Zhong. 2017. Drug use patterns in China: From past to
   present. *Forensic Science and Addiction Research 1*(5). FSAR.000524. (peer-reviewed)
   PDF

4. **Zhang, Serena Yunran**. 2020. The status quo of HK-Mainland cross-border criminal
   justice cooperation (in Chinese). In *Hong Kong Basic Law Research 2020*, edited by Chao
   Xi and Hua Zhong. Hong Kong: Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, The Chinese
   University of Hong Kong. Link

5. Zhong, Hua and **Serena Yunran Zhang**. 2018. Establish anti sexual harassment
   mechanism in Chinese universities: Learning from Hong Kong experience (in Chinese).
   People & Rule of Law 2018(4):92-93. PDF

6. Zhong, Hua and **Serena Yunran Zhang**. 2018. Preventing cybercrime and cyberbullying
   among youth in China (in Chinese). In *Protecting Chinese Youth in Cyberspace*, edited by
   National Survey and Big Data Research Center for Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.
   Beijing: Social Science Academic Press. PDF

Under review

1. **Zhang, Serena Yunran** and Jakob Demant. Effects of self-control, deviant peers, and
   family attachments on illicit drug use among Chinese users: A gender-specific analysis.
   Drug and Alcohol Review. ***Minor Revision***

2. **Zhang, Serena Yunran**. An integrated model explaining drug use in China: Control, drug-
   use peers, and permissiveness to drug use. *Substance Use & Misuse*.

Media Coverage

Zhang, Serena Yunran. 2020. Cross-border Criminal Justice: Learning from Taiwan's
    Experience (in Chinese). *Ming Pao*, September 25, 2020. Link

Zhang, Serena Yunran. 2020. The status quo of HK-Mainland cross-border criminal justice
    cooperation (in Chinese). *Sing Tao Daily*, April 14, 2020. Link

Zhang, Serena Yunran and Hua Zhong. 2020. Time to fix Hong Kong's broken windows (in
    Chinese). *Sing Tao Daily*, January 14, 2020. Link

Zhong, Hua and **Serena Yunran Zhang**. 2017. Female Drug Use Patterns in Contemporary
    China: The Case of Jiangxi Province (in Chinese). Link

Conference Papers

Zhang, Serena Yunran. "Normalization in attitudes towards recreational drug use in China: A gender-specific perspective." Paper accepted for 14th International Society for the Study of Drug Policy (ISSDP) Conference, Aguascalientes, Mexico, 2-4 June 2021.

Stallwitz, Anke and **Serena Yunran Zhang**. "Trust and betrayal: A comparison of drug subcultures in Canada and China." Paper presented for European Society of Criminology (ESC) 2020 Online Conference, 10-11 September 2020.

Zhang, Serena Yunran. "Gender matters in drug treatment and rehabilitation: Implications from a gender-specific analysis on illicit drug use in China." Paper presented at The 1st Asia Regional Meeting of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy (ISSDP), University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, 14 October 2019.

Zhang, Serena Yunran and Jakob Demant. "Self-control, social bonds, and differential association on substance use among Chinese drug users: A gender-specific analysis." Paper presented at The Stockholm Criminology Symposium, Stockholm, Sweden, 10 June 2019.

Zhang, Serena Yunran and Jakob Demant. "How do early alcohol use, self-control, and drug-using friends relate to later illicit drug use? Results from a survey of Chinese drug users in rehabilitation centres." Paper accepted at 45th Annual Alcohol Epidemiology Symposium of the Kettil Bruun Society, Utrecht, the Netherlands, 3-7 June 2019.

Zhang, Serena Yunran, Hua Zhong, and Jin Wang. "'I have chosen the best drug.' Chinese drug users' decision-making process in initiation and maintenance." Paper presented at Annual Conference of Hong Kong Sociological Association, Hong Kong, China, 1 December 2019.

Zhang, Serena Yunran, Hua Zhong, and Jianhong Liu. "That's my own business: The Recreational Era of Female Drug Use in Contemporary China." Paper presented at Annual Meeting of American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, USA, 14-17 November 2018.

Zhang, Serena Yunran, Hua Zhong, and Nicole Wai-ting Cheung. "Substance Use and School Bullying among Left-behind Children in China: Low Self-control or Influenced by Delinquent Peers?" Paper presented at Annual Meeting of Hong Kong Sociological Association, Hong Kong, China, 9 December 2017.

Zhang, Serena Yunran, Hua Zhong, and Jianhong Liu. "Drug Use Patterns in Contemporary China and Enlightenments for Treatment." Paper presented at Annual Meeting of Asian Association for Substance Abuse Research, Kunming, China, 27 November-2 December 2017.

Zhang, Serena Yunran, Hua Zhong, and Junxiu Wang. "Collective Efficacy, Formal Social Control, Relative Deprivation, and Perceived Safety in Urban China: The Case of Guangzhou." Paper presented at Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association, Montréal, Canada, 12-15 August 2017.

Zhang, Serena Yunran, Hua Zhong, and Junxiu Wang. "Perceived Social Justice, Trust in Government, and Perceived Safety in China: The case of Guangzhou." Paper presented at Annual Meeting of Asian Criminological Society, Beijing, China, 18-19 June 2016.

Research Experience

01/2021-12/2024	Research Fellow. "A spatio-temporal analysis of drug dealing patterns in China: Mechanisms and policies of control (PI: Jianguo Chen, Guangzhou University)." National Natural Science Fund (42071184), Funded by National Natural Science Foundation of China. RMB550,000/USD84,060.
09/2019-09/2020	Senior Research Assistant. "Gender and life course patterns in livelihood choice and consequences for rural households and individuals over the transition period in China (PI: Yuying Tong, The Chinese University of Hong Kong)," GRF 14619418. Funded by the Research Grants Council of Hong Kong. HKD386,500/USD49,857.
10/2019-11/2020	Senior Research Assistant. "Cross-border criminal justice under the framework of the Basic Law: A synthetic analysis of current policies, media-reported cases and interviews with law enforcers (PI: Hua Zhong, The Chinese University of Hong Kong)." Chinese Law Program, Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies. HKD114,000/USD14,706.
07/2017-11/2019	Senior Research Assistant. "Genes, social environment and psychoactive drug addiction: A study on drug users in China (PI: Hua Zhong, The Chinese University of Hong Kong)." Direct Grant, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. HKD99,400/USD12,823.
06/2018	Principal investigator (PI). "Drug use monitoring system." Maoming Narcotics Control Commission, Maoming, China.
11/2016-06/2017	Research Assistant. "Risk factors of relapse among drug users in Guiyang: An interdisciplinary perspective (PI: Jin Wang, Sun Yat-Sen University)." Guiyang Narcotics Control Commission, Guiyang, China. HKD708,562/USD91,403.
12/2015-06/2017	Senior Research Assistant. "Genes, environment, and addictive Behaviors: A pilot study in Hong Kong and Guangzhou (PI: Nicole Wai-ting Cheung, The Chinese University of Hong Kong)." Social Science Faculty Collaborative Research Fund, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. HKD400,000/USD51,613.
01/2016-06/2017	Research Assistant. "Monitoring recent changes of cross-border drug use and their implications for prevention/control Strategies (PI: Hua Zhong, The Chinese University of Hong Kong)." Beat Drugs Fund of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China. HKD630,890/USD81,383.
01/2016	Principal investigator (PI). "A qualitative exploration of female drug use in urban China: The case of Shenzhen." Nanshan Compulsory Drug Rehabilitation Center, Shenzhen, China.
12/2012-02/2013	Principal investigator (PI). "Exploration of the relationship between 'significant others' and crime." Detention House of Changle, Weifang, China.

Workshop Participation

08/2019	"International Conference and Workshops on Survey Research Methodology", Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, 7-9 August.

05/2019	"Introduction to Bayesian Inference: Core Principles and Application in Stan", Department of Psychology, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark, 8-9 May.
05/2019	"Intimacy and Abuse in the Digital Age", Department of Sociology, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark, 15-16 May.
02/2018	"Mental Health First-Aid Standard Course", Office of Student Affairs, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, 23 January - 2 February.
08/2016	"Causal Inference in Social Science", University of Michigan-Peking University Joint Institute, Beijing, China, 1-12 August.

Teaching Experience (Tutor)

2018	SOCI 4010C: Undergraduate Graduation Thesis
2018	SOCI 3234: Policing and Society: Critical Debates & Practices
2017	SOCI 2203: Social Problems and Social Policy
2016-2017	SOCI 2116 / UGEC 2983: Criminals and the Law
2016	SOCI 2203: Social Problems

Academic Affiliations and Service

10/2019-10/2024	**Board Member**, Chinese Anti-Drug Social Workers Association, China
06/2018-present	**Research Fellow**, Institute of State Governance, Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou, China.
01/2016-present	**Research Fellow**, Research Center of Crime in Contemporary China, People's Public Security University of China, Beijing, China.
10/2017-present	**Registered Anti-Drug Volunteer**, Shenzhen Volunteers Association, Shenzhen, China.
01/2016-present	**Researcher**, Sober Life Addiction Counselling Organization, China.

Professional Memberships

2020-present	International Society for the Study of Drug Policy (ISSDP)
2016-2017	American Sociological Association (ASA)
2017-present	Hong Kong Sociological Association (HKSA)
2017-present	Asian Association for Substance Abuse Research (AASAR)
2015-2016	Asian Criminological Society (ACS)

Skills and Software

Skill: Quantitative and Qualitative Research, Policy Design and Evaluation

Software: STATA, MAXQDA, NVivo, R, Microsoft Office

Teaching Areas

Criminological Theories

Social Research Methods

Substance Use and Misuse

Chinese Society

Languages

Mandarin: Native proficiency

English: Full professional proficiency

Cantonese: Full professional proficiency